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Over $2,000 donated to help repair city clock

Over $2,000 has been donated to the efforts to pay for the repairs of the clock in the tower of Carbondale City Hall according to the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall.

"The people of Carbondale--including those who have moved away but still keep in touch with the city--have supported our efforts right from the beginning," said David Baum, one of the founding members of the committee.

According to the committee's records, the clock fund has received $2,020.25 in donations as of Monday afternoon. At least one donation a day has been received by the committee since the fund was started Nov. 6, 1981 with a $100 donation from Mr. S. Powell of Carbondale, a local historian. The donation was sent to the Carbondale NEWS following an editorial which was published in the NEWS calling for an effort by the city residents to repair the clock.

Last Dec. 17 at ceremonies conducted at City Hall, the lighting system was turned on in the clock tower to mark the official beginning of the fund drive to collect enough money to not only repair the clock, but restore the whole building. About 55 people watched from the sidewalk across from city hall as the lights were turned on and the bells of five churches and the Hendrick Manufacturing Company siren sounded in unison to mark the occassion. Those churches who rang their bells included the Episcopal Church, Mt. Carmel Church, St. Rose Church, The First Presbyterian Church and Berean Baptist Church.

Fifty-two people attended the meeting held by the Restoration Committee after the ceremonies were held and heard committee members S. Robert Powell, Tom Brennan, David Baum, Robert Tomaine and John Bubernick explain the purpose of the committee and what efforts had already been taken to repair the lighting system and plan for the fundraising project, which will be the selling of raffle tickets in a 50-50 drawing. Tickets will go on sale this week at the cost of $1 per chance. The drawing will be Feb 18 in City Gall Council Chambers.

The first phase of the committee's project is the repair of the City Hall clock. A Harrisburg firm, Roger's Clock Service, has quoted the committee a contract of $3,000 to repair the clock and will guarantee the repair for one year. The committee has until Feb. 16 to contact the firm and authorize the repairs.

In the two months since the fund has been started, over two-thirds of the $3,000 needed has been donated by various Carbondale businesses, organizations and residents. The list of those who have already donated to the fund includes: Hendrick Manufacturing Co.; Joseph J. Brennan Funeral Home; Gerald J. Price Insurance Agency; The Carbondale News; Adams Cable TV, Inc.; La Belle Beauty Salon; Albert H. Crane American Legion Post 221; Kiwanis Club of Carbondale; Thomas' News Stand; Crocker's Paint Store; Bond's Jewelers and the Carbondale Historical Society.

The following individuals have also contributed to the clock fund: Mr. S. Robert Powell; Stella Lasniewski; Charles Surace; E.W. Haubens; Paul Browne; Mary E. Chase; Roselle Levan; Edward F. Burke; Mr. Oswald L. Chambers; Patrick and Lucy Sweeney; Steve Durkin; Victoria Fabish; Marie Rizzie; Earl and Dorothy Honaker; Walter and Helen Powell; Mary Mazza and the fifth and sixth graders of Roosevelt School; Joseph and Adeline Rinaldi; Catherine Browne; Robert and Anne Mae Durkin; Fred and Marguerite Doud; Mary Louise Dearie; Mae A. Carroll; Elizabeth S. Murphy; Pete Tolerico; Joseph and Dorothy Healey; Frank Grecco Sr. and Jr.; Anita Shinkman; John J. Howard; Mary Grace and Charles Moffitt; John and Esther Evans; Magdalene Crane; Dr. and Mrs. Horlacher; John Pisarcik; Fannie O. Judge; Charles O. Judge; George Wallis;